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**PLACERVILLE MAN ADMITS POSSESSING STOLEN U.S. MAIL  
BELONGING TO EL DORADO COUNTY RESIDENTS**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that former city of Placerville resident, ROBERT GENE SPENCER, 39, pled guilty today before U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence K. Karlton to possession of stolen U.S. Mail. SPENCER was initially charged in a federal indictment filed on October 26, 2006.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service with the assistance of the City of Placerville's Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, on October 17, 2006 SPENCER possessed U.S. Mail stolen from over 10 different El Dorado county residents. SPENCER rifled the U.S. Mail looking for financial documents, account numbers, credit cards, and identification information that he could use to steal from U.S. Postal customers or to commit acts of fraud using the U.S. Postal customer's information. SPENCER was remanded into federal custody after he entered his guilty plea.

SPENCER is scheduled to be sentenced on February 6, 2007. The maximum penalty he faces is five years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors. He will also serve a three-year term of federal supervised release.

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